

10/522394

DTOS Rec'd PCT/PTO 25 JAN 2005

S/N Unknown

PATENT

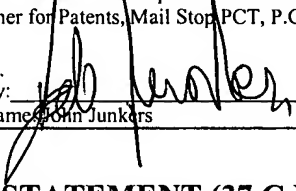
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SATO et al. Serial No.: Unknown  
Filed: concurrent herewith Docket No.: 10921.0272USWO  
Title: SAMPLE ANALYZING METHOD AND SAMPLE ANALYZING  
DEVICE

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.10:

"Express Mail" mailing label number: EV 407258413 US  
Date of Deposit: January 25, 2005

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop PCT, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

By:   
Name: John Junkers

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

Mail Stop PCT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

European application 1 074 832 corresponds to Japanese application 2001-66279.

European application 0 732 406 corresponds to Japanese application 8-320304.

European application 0 537 761 corresponds to Japanese application 5-196596.

United States application 5,352,351 corresponds to Japanese application 8-502589.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

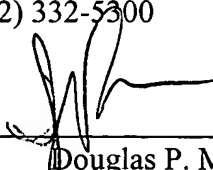
Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.



Respectfully submitted,

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.  
P.O. Box 2903  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-0903  
(612) 332-5300

Dated: January 25, 2005

By   
Douglas P. Mueller  
Reg. No. 30,300

DPM/acp

FORM 1449\*

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

## IN AN APPLICATION

(Use several sheets if necessary)

Docket Number:

10921.0272USWO

Application Number:

10/522394

Applicant: SATO et al.

Filing Date: concurrent  
herewith

Group Art Unit:

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	5,352,351	10/1994	White et al.			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	JP 2000-162176	06/2000	Japan			Abstract	
	JP 2001-330581	11/2001	Japan			Abstract	
	JP 2001-66279	03/2001	Japan			See IDS	
	JP 8-320304	12/1996	Japan			See IDS	
	JP 06-109688	04/1994	Japan			Abstract	
	JP 8-502589	03/1996	Japan			See IDS	
	JP 5-196596	08/1993	Japan			See IDS	
	JP 2001-330581	11/2001	Japan			Abstract	
	EP 0 732 406 A1	09/1996	EPO				
	EP 1074832	04/1993	EPO				

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


23552

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form for next communication to the Applicant.